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Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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SUBJECT: Applicant: Houston et al.
Serial No.: 10/080,053
Filed: February 21, 2002
For: SMART CULTURE VESSEL
Group: 1744
Examiner: Beisner, W.H.
Docket No.: DR-332J

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal form PTO/SB/30 and a check in the amount of \$385.00 for the fee for a small entity required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). The RCE includes an instruction that the previously filed amendments be entered. The applicant filed a Response on July 12, 2004 to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2004. An Advisory Action was mailed July 26, 2004.

Also enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time within the First Month, and a check for \$55.00 to file an extension of time for a small entity.

If for any reason this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if at any time it appears that a TELEPHONE CONFERENCE with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts, at (781) 890-5678.

If any payment during prosecution is found to be incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to my Deposit Account No. 09-0002. A copy of this letter is enclosed for use by the Finance Branch in the event that it is necessary to make any charge or credit to my deposit account.

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In addition, pursuant to Rule 1.136(a)(3), the Office is hereby authorized to treat any reply or future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor. Also, any request or Petition for an Extension of Time notwithstanding an inadvertent reference in the Petition to a shorter period of time is to be treated as requesting the appropriate length of time.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by returning the enclosed self-addressed postcard.

Sincerely,



Thomas E. Thompson, Jr.
Reg. No. 47,136

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Enclosures

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on

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Olga Kadish